



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-006

APPOINTING A GOVERNOR'S OFFICE LAND GRANT LIAISON

WHEREAS, Article II Section 5 of the New Mexico Constitution provides: "The rights, privileges, and immunities, civil, political and religious are guaranteed to the people of New Mexico by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and shall be preserved inviolate"; and

WHEREAS, The Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo of 1848 protected property including water rights, the New Mexico Water Code of 1907 recognized those water rights and the New Mexico State Constitution of 1912 confirmed treaty protections of water rights; and

WHEREAS, land grant people of New Mexico are identified by their relationship to the traditional common interests of land and water that include acequias, (los derechos a la tierra), recognized under the provision of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, signed in 1848; and

WHEREAS, there are 295 land grants located in New Mexico; 152 of which are community land or common-land grants as described by the General Accounting Office's Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo: Definition and Community Land Grants in New Mexico (GAO-01-330); and

WHEREAS, New Mexico land grants are an important institution intimately connected to New Mexico's history and culture and for over 400 years have been integrated in the laws, practices and customs of our state; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of State, recognizing the historical, cultural and legal importance of land grant documents, has formed the New Mexico land grant repository to file land grant documents in order to assure their preservation and protection for all time.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby designate and appoint an official liaison from my office to work in cooperation with New Mexico Land Grant Associations, to address land grant organization concerns and to assist with government interagency communication at local, state and federal levels.

ATTEST

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS
2nd DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2004.

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO

BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR

